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SUBJECT: FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE

1. PREP COM WHICH WAS SCHEDULED FOR THREE DAYS, NOW IN FIFTH DAY. FRIDAY SESSION BEGAN 9:00 AM CONCLUDED SATURDAY AM AT 2:00. SATURDAY MEETING INVOLVES MORE WORKING GROUP NEGOTIATIONS AND CLEARANCE OF PAPERS THROUGH PLENARY. LENGTHY MEETING IN PROSPECT. NO UNEXPECTED PROBLEMS BUT AS OF NOW CONSIDERABLE PORTION OF PLANNED "MEXICO DECLARATION" REMAINS BROCHETTED. MUCH OF THIS WILL GO TO MINISTERS IN THAT POSITION ON MONDAY.

2. DIFFICULTIES HAVE ARISEN MOSTLY FROM BANGLADESH AND MEXICO, WITH ASSIST FROM YUGOSLAVIA. LATTER TWO SURPRISING SINCE EACH HAS A VICE PRESIDENT ON WFC BUREAU. BEING HOST TO SESSION HAS NOT DETERRED MEXICO FROM STIRRING LENGTHY DEBATE AND DELAY. PAKISTAN (MASUD) MORE MODERATE BUT NEVERTHELESS REPRESENTING G-77 OF ROME AND ALLOWING BANGLADESH PUSH VIEWS NOT ALWAYS WITH WHICH IS IN ACCORD.

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3. PROBLEM HAS BEEN ABSENCE OF CONTROL BY PRESIDENT, TANCO, BUREAU AND SECRETARIAT. WHILE MEETING HAS BEEN GOOD NATURED, INDIVIDUAL DELEGATIONS HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO STALEMATE DEBATE BY INSISTING ON THEIR POSITIONS. MOST FREQUENT THIS HAS TAKEN THE FORM OF A G-77 DELEGATE INSISTING ON THE INCLUSION OF THEIR COUNTER PROPOSALS. G-77, HOWEVER, HAS NOT BEEN ACTING AS A TRUE BLOC, WHICH

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IN THIS CASE PROBABLY WORSENS THE SITUATION BECAUSE THEY CANNOT NEGOTIATE AS A GROUP. THIS SITUATION HAS CAUSED THE U. S. DELEGATION TO BE MORE ACTIVE THAN ANTICIPATED. OUR THRUST HAS BEEN TO STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF STRENG-THEN THE WFC AS AN INSTITUTION AND THUS NEED TO PRESENT A GENERALLY AGREED UPON DOCUMENT TO THE MINISTERIAL. IT HAS NOT WORKED TOO WELL THUS FAR. LUCEY

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